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Assateague Island  
National Seashore

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## Program Descriptions

# Bring your students to the park for a fun, free and hands-on learning experience!

We will begin accepting Fall, 2014 program requests at 8:00 a.m. on August 18, 2014. We will begin accepting Spring, 2015 requests at 8:00 a.m. on January 12, 2015.

To request a program, please complete a program reservation form and email it to [Liz\\_Davis@nps.gov](mailto:Liz_Davis@nps.gov). Forms, background materials and pre-visit activities can be found on our website: <http://www.nps.gov/asis/forteachers/index.htm>

## Down by the Seashore



**Grade:** Pre-Kindergarten  
**Duration:** 45 minutes  
**Location:** Assateague Island Visitor Center

This program encourages young learners to use their senses to learn about the island. Students will have an active learning experience by handling live creatures, shells, feathers, bones, egg cases and other island treasures. Park rangers will use songs, pantomime and living creatures to excite the imagination.

Maryland VSC Science Standards: PK: 1 A B C D, 3 A C, 4 A

## KinderKritters

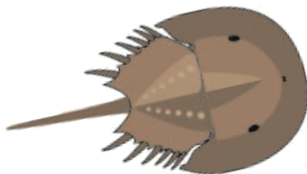


**Grade:** Kindergarten  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** Assateague Island Visitor Center

Young students begin to learn about the interesting creatures living on land and in the waters around Assateague. Park rangers will use puppets, songs, pantomime and living creatures to guide young learners in their Assateague exploration.

Maryland VSC Science Standards: K: 1 A B C D E, 2 A E, 3 A B D, 4 A, 5 A B, 6 B D

## CREATURE FEATURE



**Grade:** First grade  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** Assateague Island Visitor Center

First graders start to examine some of the connections that living things have with one another. Assateague is a special place to experience some of these important connections. This is an active learning adventure.

Maryland VSC Science Standards: G1: 1 A B C D E, 2 C E, 3 A B, 4 A C, 6 B D

## Life on Sandy Shores

**Grade:** Second – Fourth Grade



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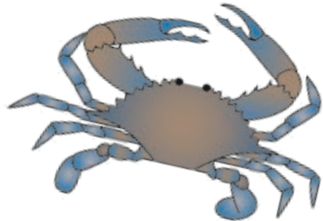


**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** North Ocean Beach

The beach is a great place to visit and play -but we will take a closer look! Sand, salt, wind, tides, and heat make the beach a tough place to survive. Students will use their senses along with scientific equipment to make fascinating discoveries about animal adaptations.

**Maryland VSC Science Standards :** G2: 1 A B C D E, 2 D, 4 B, 6 C D; G3: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 A C E, 6 D; G4: 1 A B C D, 2 E, 3 C, 6 B D

## Salt Marsh

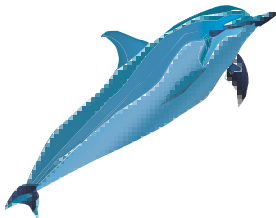


**Grade:** Second – Fourth Grade  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** Old Ferry Landing, in the marsh

Salt marshes are the nurseries of the sea. These smelly, mucky, soggy, buggy places produce and support an incredible amount of life. Students will need appropriate "mucking" footwear for their visit into the wonderful world of marshes. This immersion experience will stimulate the senses while reinforcing the critical role the salt marsh plays in web of life.

**Maryland VSC Science Standards:** G2: 1 A B C D E, 2 D, 4 B, 6 C D; G3: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 A C E, 6 D; G4: 1 A B C D, 2 E, 3 C, 6 B D

## Beach on the Move

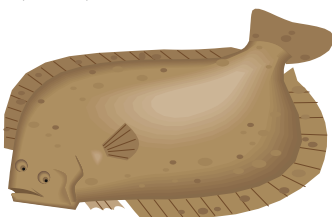


**Grade:** Fifth Grade and up  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** North Ocean Beach

Assateague is an island on the move! Barrier islands are changing every minute with every wave wash. Students will discover how these islands were formed and why this landform moves each day. Students will explore why only certain plants and animals can survive in this ever- changing habitat and the difficulties humans have trying to exist on this moving land.

**Maryland VSC Science Standards:** G5: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 A D E, 6 C D; G6: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 E, 6 B C D; G7: 1 A B C D, 2 A B, 6 A C D; G8: 1 A B C D, 2 D E, 6 D

## Life of the Salt Marsh



**Grade:** Fifth Grade and up  
**Duration:** 1 hour  
**Location:** Old Ferry Landing, in the marsh

Salt marshes are some of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Students will discover how salt marshes are formed, how they function, their critical role in the marine web of life and the ecological benefits they provide for the environment. This is an immersion experience. Students will need appropriate "mucking" footwear for their visit into the marsh.

**Maryland VSC Science Standards:** G5: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 A D E, 6 C D; G6: 1 A B C D, 2 A, 3 E, 6 B C D; G7: 1 A B C D, 2 A B, 6 A C D; G8: 1 A B C D, 2 D E, 6 D



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### Watershed Watchdogs

**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Location(s):** Old Ferry Landing, beach to bay



**Beach to Bay:** 1 hour on "Life of the Forest Trail". Students walk through 5 distinct biomes while traversing the island. Students compare wind speeds, water salinities and plant adaptations.